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*The hemmed patch by machine* is suitable for mending work clothes, play clothes, sheets or other articles which need a sturdy patch. This patch works for areas that can be laid flat and sewed. It is not suitable for pants legs.

1. Cut out the torn or worn out area following the grainline. The hole should be a square or a rectangle. Use a ruler if necessary to make your lines straight.

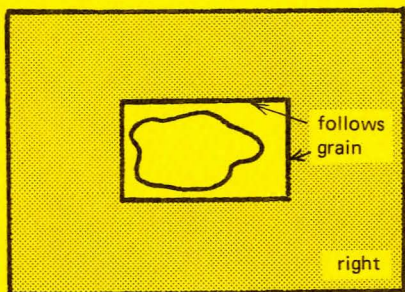


Fig. 1

2. Cut the patch at least 1 inch larger on each side than the hole left in the garment. Match the design if there is one. Be sure to follow the grainlines of the fabric.

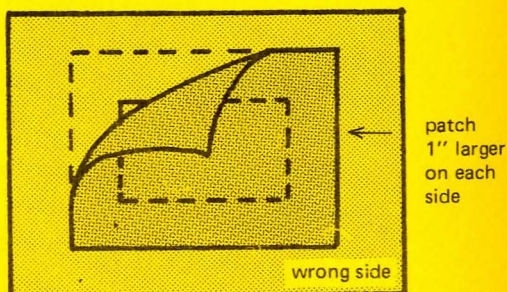


Fig. 2



3. Make a 1/4 inch diagonal clip at each corner of the hole. Turn the garment to the wrong side and press back the seam allowance formed by the clipped corners.

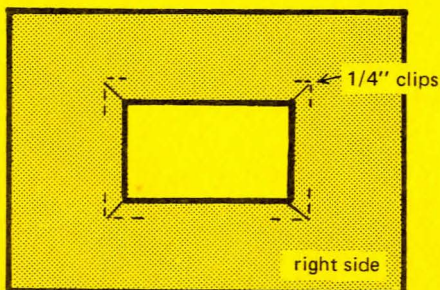
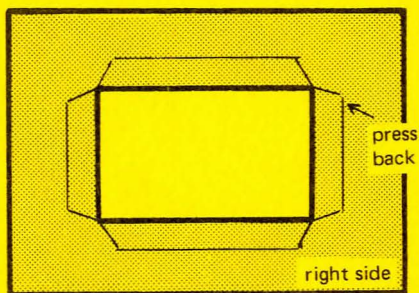


Fig. 3



4. Turn the garment right side out and place the patch under the hole. Match grainlines or designs.

5. Fasten the patch in place with Scotch tape on the right side of the garment.

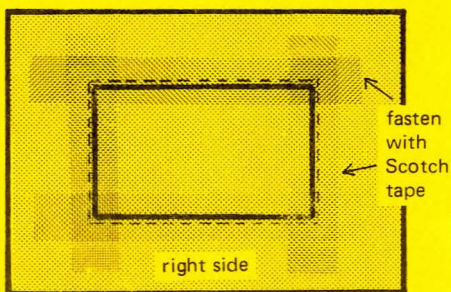


Fig. 4, 5, 6

6. With the garment still right side up, stitch close to the turned-under edge. Then remove the Scotch tape.

7. Turn the garment to the wrong side. Turn under the raw edge of the patch. Again hold the edges with Scotch tape. Stitch close to the turned-under edge. Remove the Scotch tape. Pull threads to the wrong side and tie.

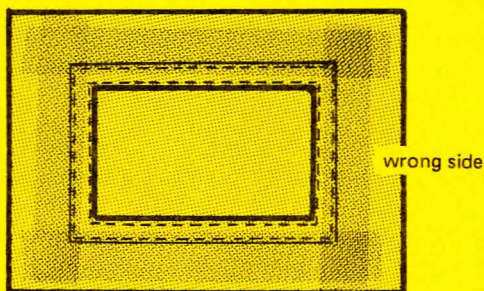


Fig. 7

*The hemmed patch by hand* is suitable both for articles needing a sturdy patch and for finer articles such as woolens and rayons. Very fine hand stitches will make the patch hardly noticeable. Use double thread for a sturdy patch. Use single thread if a finer appearance is needed.

Follow steps 1 through 4 of the machine hemmed patch. Do not tape the patch to the garment.

5. With the garment right side up, pin and baste the patch in place. The basting will help give a neater patch. Using a fine hem-stitch or whip stitch, hem the turned under edges to the patch. An invisible slip stitch may be used in areas of little strain or in dressy garments. Take several stitches at the corners to strengthen them.

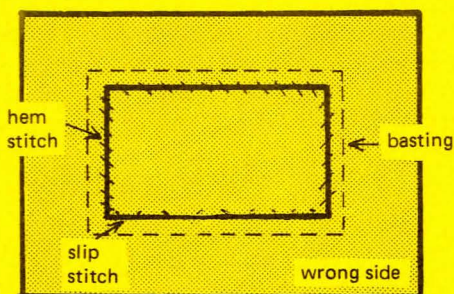


Fig. 5a

6. Turn the garment to the wrong side. Fasten the underside of the patch in one of two ways.

Turn edges under. Pin and baste. Use the same stitch as used on the right side to fasten. This stitch will show somewhat on the right side.

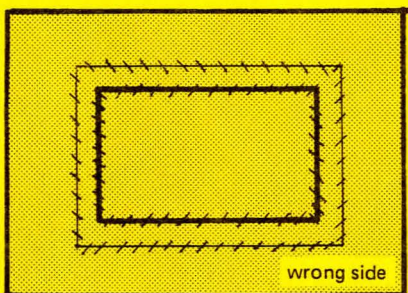


Fig. 6 a

Trim the edges down to 1/2 inch and do not turn them under. Use a catch stitch to fasten the edges to the garment. This stitch will not show on the right side.



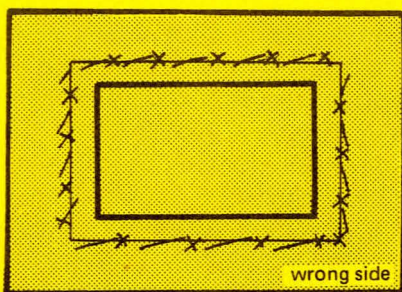


Fig. 6b